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TITLE: IMPROVED SLITTING TOOL

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X Patent Application Transmittal

X Specification:

Total pages: 15 (including claims and abstract: Spec. 10 sheets; Claims 4 sheets; Abstract 1

X Drawings:

Total sheets: 7

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Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney:

- ☒ executed  
☐ copy from prior application  
☐ Deletion of Inventor(s) - Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b))  
☐ Incorporation by Reference - The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied above is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

Accompanying application parts:

- ☐ Notification of filing a  
☒ Assignment of the Invention to Medtronic, Inc.  
☒ Assignment cover sheet  
☐ Information Disclosure Statement  
☐ PTO Form 1449  
☐ Copies of IDS citations  
☐ Preliminary Amendment  
☐ A copy of the Petition or Conditional Petition for Extension of Time in the prior application.  
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- ☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-in-part (CIP)  
of prior application No. \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence: This application is a ☐ continuation  
☐ division ☐ continuation in part of application number \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Cancel in this application original claims \_\_\_\_\_ of the prior application before calculating the filing fee.  
(At least the original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
- ☐ The prior application is assigned of record to Medtronic, Inc.
- ☐ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to: \_\_\_\_\_.

☐ This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) Serial No.(s) \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_.

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FEE CALCULATION	No. of Claims Filed	Claims Included in Base Fee	No. of Extra Claims	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	36	20	= 16	x 18	\$288.00
Independent Claims	3	3	= 0	x 84	0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims			0	+ 280	
Basic Filing Fee					\$740.00
TOTAL					<b>\$1,028.00</b>

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